

Gallaudet Fact—

Q: In the last issue of *On the Green* we asked about a copy of the Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet and Alice Cogswell statue that once helped tell the world about deaf education. According to Thomas Harrington, a reference and instruction librarian at the Library, the copy featured in the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago, Ill., is just one part of the story.

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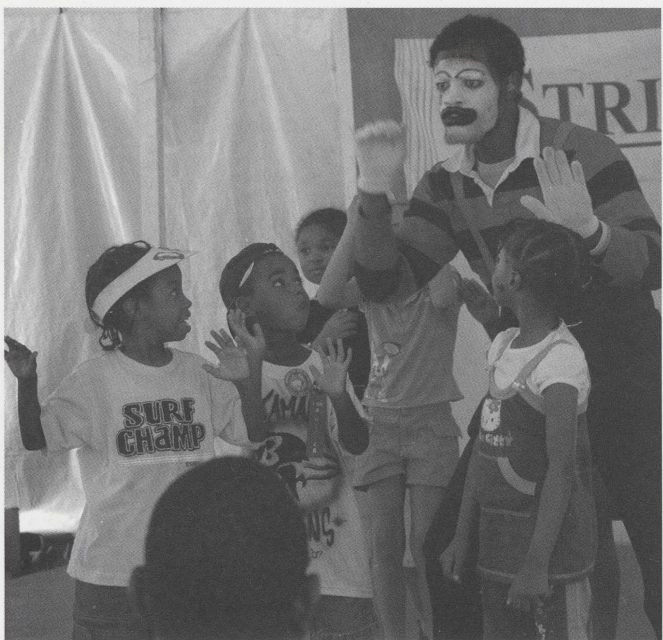


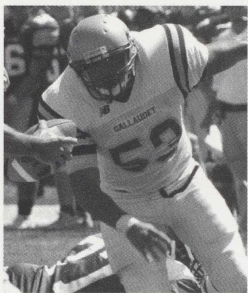
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MSSD student Mukanda Kayembe entertains young members of the audience with a dance and mime performance at the National Black Family Reunion, held September 8 on the National Mall. The reunion committee invited MSSD to stage a performance at this year's two-day festival, which celebrates the strength and values of African American families. Sponsored by the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., the event includes free concerts, arts and crafts, an international market, health screenings, food, and activities for kids. In addition to the MSSD performance, the Clerc Center hosted an information table in the Education Pavilion.



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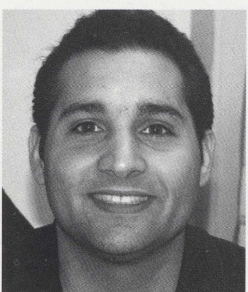
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Roving Reporter

Joseph DiSiervi's favorite thing about the advent of fall is NFL football on Sundays.

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President Davila welcomes campus community to 'New Gallaudet' at town hall; reports on re-accreditation progress, fiscal matters

Much like athletes preparing for a tournament, Gallaudet is in training. To win re-accreditation from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), Team Gallaudet has undertaken a strict regimen to ensure peak performance.

And the training is showing results. President Davila explained to the campus community at a September 6 Town Hall how the University has made great strides, taking advantage of the MSCHE's mandates to ensure its position as the unsurpassed champion in the education of deaf and hard of hearing people.

In addition to explaining the timelines until the November MSCHE's 2008 deadline for Gallaudet to be in compliance with re-accreditation standards, Dr. Davila outlined the steps the University is taking to exercise the best use of its resources, and the top priorities he has set—all of which cen-

ter on offering students the tools they need to be successful.

The Town Hall was preceded by a colorful and inspiring ceremony on Hotchkiss Field where a bevy of multi-colored homing pigeons, led by ones of Bison colors of yellow and blue, were released, symbolizing a new beginning for Gallaudet. "We're making progress in moving our university forward to its rightful and traditional place at the top!" Davila said before the cue was given to Reedy Hines, age 9, and his sister Amberlin, age 12, owners of Every Celebration, to release the birds. After looping the football field, creating a palette of color against a cloudless blue sky, all the birds flew safely to the Hines family home in Galesville, Md. (See article on *Every Celebration* in the next *On the Green*.)

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Amberlin Hines prepares to release homing pigeons with her brother, Reedy Hines, (not pictured), before the Town Hall meeting. The multi-colored birds circle Hotchkiss Field before winging their way back to the Hines' Galesville, Md., home.

Photos by Quintin Smith

Updated academic department web sites unveiled

By Dr. Cynthia King

Academic Affairs was busy over the summer updating academic department web sites, focusing on increasing recruitment and retention of students. Updated web sites were rolled out live in mid-September and more will be added as they are completed and reviewed.

The process began in May when a group of department representatives met with the Gallaudet Web Team to vote on options. Focus groups were then held with students to obtain their input. Next, Academic Technology and Undergraduate Enrollment Marketing began work on the programming and design of a standard web site for academic departments. Beginning July 23, 36 representatives from 26 academic departments participated in one of three 15-hour training sessions to create new web sites using academic templates and the Ingeniux Content Management System (CMS).

The templates for the CMS allow web authors to easily add video, images, documents, and links to any web page. Content such as organization contact information can be reused on different pages without having to retype the information. Other content, such as admissions procedures, program requirements, and course schedules, is provided for the departments, with that information being pulled from the catalog and BISON Student Information System. Enrollment Marketing (formerly Outreach Programs and Publications) is also providing banner images and

student profiles for the project.

An important element of the new web sites is the Faculty-Staff Information Page. Research indicates that the qualifications of the faculty play a significant role in attracting students, and Gallaudet has an impressive faculty. Faculty and staff complete a form, with a short biography, list of specializations, and other information such as educational background and contact information. They can add pictures, videos, and links to documents such as their vita or list of publications. Once a substantial number of faculty have submitted their forms with a list of specializations and Academic Technology can determine a good categorization system for specializations, an expert search system will be created, similar to that at www.kgi.edu/x620.xml.

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Darlene Prickett (right), Public Relations web editor, helps train Susan Ganz, administrative secretary in the Department of Sociology, Philosophy, and Religion, at one of the sessions held this summer to teach department representatives how to create new web sites.

Bison football makes a strong start



Photo by Matthew Kohashi

Senior defensive back Robin Shannon (3) and freshman defensive end Joshua Ofiu (53) chase down Saint Vincent College quarterback Phil Hamilton. Shannon led the team with seven tackles and three sacks.

Gallaudet's season opener on September 1 was no ordinary game. It marked the team's return to Division III for the first time in 12 years and the first of two strong wins.

The mighty Bison began the new era by playing a team with a familiar face—coach Bob Colbert, who led the Bison to victory over 30 years ago. The team of the 1970s, dubbed the Dirty Thirty because of its small corps of 28 players and two coaches, seized on that first game as an opportunity for a reunion. They are known for unprecedented success on the field and for originating the practice of beating a bass drum on the sidelines to signal the beginning of a play. Sixteen of the Dirty Thirty players and President Davila were there to cheer on the next generation of student athletes.

Colbert's current team is at Saint Vincent College, which hosted the game at its Latrobe, Pa., campus. Saint Vincent had its own historical significance for the game, as it marked the first time a varsity

team took the field in 45 years.

The Bison's first home game was held the following week against the Walter Reed Army Medical Center team. Unseasonable heat didn't deter the Buff and Blue when it went up against the Warriors. It took the Bison just four minutes after the opening kickoff to get on the scoreboard. The game ended with a 44-0 win, much to the delight of the more than 1,000 fans in attendance.

Gallaudet's team has been training to move from the club level to Division III for the past two years. Under their new coach, Ed Hottle, the Bison have drawn the attention of the campus community, alumni, and the media. Hottle has come to be known as an effective coach and a strong supporter of academics and community service. The coach's skill and the team members' dedication have paid off in a winning record. With the official switch to Division III, the Bison are continuing that success. ■

Campus Calendar

September

22—Soccer game against Dallas University, 2 p.m., Hoy Field

24—Soccer game against Villa Julie College, 4 p.m., Hoy Field

27—Soccer game against Catholic University, 4 p.m., Hoy Field; Volleyball game against St. Mary's College, 7 p.m., Field House

29—Football game against Case Western Reserve, 1 p.m., Hotchkiss Field; Soccer game against Hood College, noon, Hoy Field

28—ePortfolios for Learning and Assessment, 1-2:30 p.m., JSAC 1011

29—Football game, 1 p.m., Hotchkiss Field

October

1—PFLAG monthly meeting, 7:30-9 p.m., HMB S135

3—Volleyball game against Hood College, 7 p.m., Field House

4-5—Board of Trustees Meeting, GUKCH

4-6—National Council of Hispano Deaf and Hard of Hearing Conference 2007, by registration

5—Worthington Classic volleyball tournament: game against Peace College, 4 p.m., Field House; game against D'Youville College, 8 p.m., Field House

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A. "There are actually two statues, with a few copies of each: a small "draft" model about 26 inches tall (without pedestal), used to get final approval of the design, and the full-size statue," Harrington explained.

"The small model has five incarnations:

- The original small plaster model was discovered in the late 1960s by noted deaf artist Kelly H. Stevens in an attic at the American School for the Deaf (ASD) at West Hartford, Conn. He restored it and arranged to have four bronze castings made from it in Italy. I presume the plaster original was returned to ASD afterwards.
- One bronze copy was presented by Stevens to Gallaudet College in 1973, and now stands in the atrium of Hall Memorial Building.
- The second bronze copy went to the Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) in Austin, paid for by the deaf women's organization that originally moved Stevens to find the model when they wanted to donate a Gallaudet memorial to TSD.
- A third bronze copy went to the American School for the Deaf.
- Stevens had a fourth bronze copy made for himself, which he put on display in his restored historic home in Austin. After he died in 1991, he bequeathed his home and sculpture garden to the German-Texan Heritage Society as a headquarters building and museum. The Stevens copy probably is still there, though I have not been able to verify this in the short time available to me. [Thanks to Mike Olson in the Gallaudet Archives for telling me Stevens' home became a museum after his death.]

"The full-sized statue exists in three places:

- The original full-sized plaster model, from which the foundry cast the final bronzes, is today in an entrance lobby of the library at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Although it's plaster, it has been painted to resemble bronze.
- The "original"—or first casting in bronze—is here at Gallaudet, resting in front of Chapel Hall.
- A second bronze was cast from the full-size plaster model at some undetermined later date, and is at the American School for the Deaf."

Among Ourselves

Dr. Martha Sheridan, an associate professor in the Department of Social Work, gave the opening keynote address at the Early Childhood and Deafness conference, sponsored by Ohio School for the Deaf's Center for Outreach Services in Columbus, Ohio. Sheridan's presentation was entitled "Issues and Trends: Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children, their Families and Professionals." While at the conference, she also presented "Inner lives of deaf children and adolescents," based on Sheridan's research in her first book, *Inner lives of deaf children: Interviews and Analysis* (2001), and her forthcoming book, *Deaf adolescents: Inner lives*, both published by the Gallaudet University Press. Sheridan was also a featured speaker on family systems and life cycle development in June at St. Thomas University in Miami, Fla.

Dr. Cynthia Roy, an associate professor in the Department of Interpretation, is the series editor and editor of the first three volumes for the *Interpreter Education Series*, published by the Gallaudet University Press. Volume One, *Innovative Practices for Teaching Sign Language Interpreters*, was published in 2000, Volume Two, *Advances in Teaching Sign Language Interpreters*, was published in 2005, and Volume Three, *New Approaches to Interpreter Education*, was published in 2006. Volume Four, tentatively titled *Sign Language Interpreting—a World Survey*, is edited by Dr. Jemina Napier of Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia, and is due to be published in 2008. Other volumes are forthcoming.

Updated web sites

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A slide show of web page models, along with other information, is available at academictech.gallaudet.edu/events/2007/deprweb. In September and October, new training sessions will be available for academic and non-academic student services in Academic Affairs so they can begin moving their web sites to the CMS as well.

This work is a fine example of what Team Gallaudet can do. The Academic Department Web Project is led by Academic Technology, with significant contributions by the academic departments, the student focus groups, and each of the web team constituencies: Undergraduate Enrollment Marketing, Enrollment, Public Relations, Information Technology Services, and the Clerc Center. ■

(Note: Dr. Cynthia King is executive director of Academic Technology.)

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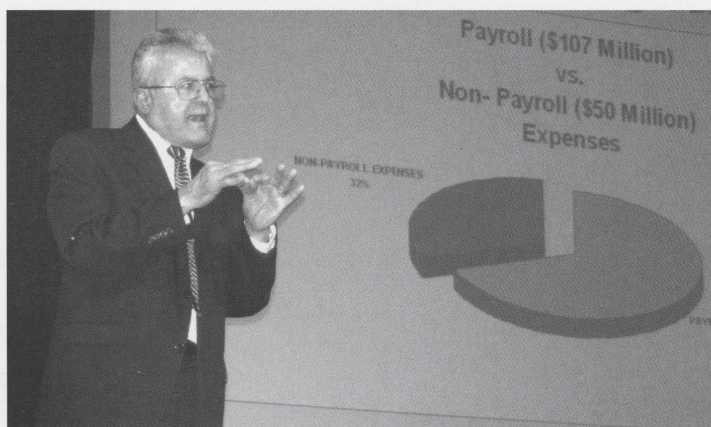
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President Davila explains the University's budget outlook and steps it must take to provide students the maximum benefit of a Gallaudet education.

Town hall meeting

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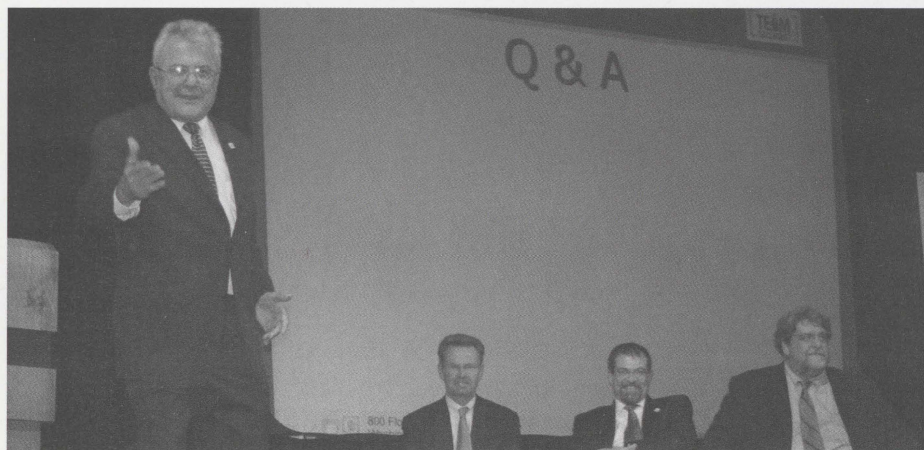
After moving to Elstad Auditorium, Davila began his presentation by giving the crowd an enthusiastic welcome to a "New Gallaudet." Besides the tangible changes—a new undergraduate curriculum, new mission statement, and documented progress toward maintaining accreditation, for example, he pointed to the air of excitement of new students, a renewed sense of optimism, and a spirit of collaboration. Davila pointed out that he has "noticed a positive change" in how people on campus interact, the courtesy and respect they exhibit to one another. "That's my kind of environment, and I know it's your kind of environment as well," he said.

Regarding the MSCHE review, Davila said that the next team review will be October 9 and 10. What is notable about this visit is that the team will consist of peers from the higher education field—including one member with a background in deafness—rather than the past two visits, which have included three college presidents. During this visit, the MSCHE team plans to meet one-on-one with various members of the campus of their choice, and an "evidence room" will be set up for them to have access to information that will demonstrate how the University has progressed in meeting re-accreditation goals.

Davila took advantage of the Town Hall to reemphasize the role of everyone on campus to promote Gallaudet. While there is a strategic plan being developed for enrollment management and student recruitment, he said he has noticed a perception that recruitment "is the responsibility of a few, but no, it is the responsibility of us all."

A number of issues were discussed during a question-and-answer period where Davila was joined by Board of Trustees Chair Benjamin Soukup, Provost Stephen Weiner, and Vice President of Administration and Finance Paul Kelly. One question raised dealt with the president selection process. Soukup replied that the topic is "definitely on our agenda for the October meeting." ■

(Note, to see the video of President Davila's September 6 Town Hall meeting, and the release of the homing pigeons preceding it, go to news.gallaudet.edu.)



Dr. Davila is joined on the Elstad Auditorium stage by (from right) Board of Trustees Chair Benjamin Soukup, Provost Stephen Weiner, and Vice President for Administration and Finance Paul Kelly following his Town Hall presentation to take questions from the audience.



Dr. Diane O'Connor (right), a professor in the English Department, is congratulated for 35 years of service to the University by Dr. Jane Nickerson, department chair.

Career Center expands opportunities for students

One are the days of looking for jobs by thumbing through index cards and three-ring binders or staring at bulletin boards. The Career Center has launched Bison CareerLink (BCL), the University's first on-line job search, resume, and recruiting system.

With Bison CareerLink, students can create a personal profile, upload their resumes, sign-up for on-campus interviews, and apply directly for internship and professional positions. Because BCL is part of a larger network sponsored by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), students will have access to job openings posted by employers across the country. BCL was featured at the Career Center's Internship Orientation program for undergraduate students on September 12.

BCL is just one of many Career Center initiatives designed to reach out and engage more employers in recruiting at Gallaudet. Recent successes include:

- Gallaudet's biggest job fair since the 1990's, held last February at the Kellogg Conference Hotel, with 60 employers actively recruiting students. (The next job fair is set for

October 24.)

- Employer recruiting on campus nearly doubled last year, jumping from 43 employers in 2005-2006 to 82 in 2006-2007.
- Career Center internships have increased by almost 20 percent over the past three years, with 138 interns for 2006-2007.

Also, to enhance student preparation for a job market that has become highly competitive for all college graduates, the Career Center has sponsored cutting edge programs like "Deaf/No Deaf." This panel discussion last spring featured deaf professionals from IBM, Bayfirst Solutions, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, and Hands On Video Relay Services. Panelists focused on the ins and outs of launching a successful career in hearing and deaf work environments. Almost 100 students, faculty, and staff attended the panel discussion.

The Career Center's mission is to assist students in connecting their liberal arts education with career success. For more information on Career Center programs and services, visit the Web site: careercenter.gallaudet.edu. ■

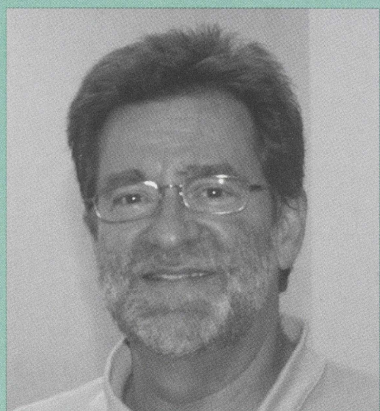


Employers recruit Gallaudet students at the Career Center's Internship and Job Fair last February, the University's biggest job fair since the 1990's with 60 employers in attendance. The next Internship and Job Fair will be held on October 24.



Roving Reporter

What are you most looking forward to about fall (which starts September 21)?



I look forward to the day after winter starts. That is when we start to get more light (solstice) as spring is approaching.

Mike Kemp, professor,
ASL & Deaf Studies



I am looking forward to watching NFL football games on Sundays. My favorite team is the Chicago Bears. I also love the warm and chilly fall weather.

Joseph DeSiervi,
payroll specialist, Payroll



I look forward to the decrease in insects! More importantly, I look forward to the new and returning students. I like seeing them when they enter Gallaudet and watching them grow while they are here.

Vanessa Slade-Bratcher,
administrative secretary,
Center for Global Education



I love to see the leaves change into different colors. It gives me a sense of art in nature's environment. Also, I'm looking forward to using my scarf collection.

Terri Vincent,
social work graduate student

Volleyball begins season with a small but mighty team

Head coach Lynn Ray Boren has started his third season at the helm of the Bison volleyball program. Coach Boren has become known for consistently building successful teams, and his current roster vouches for his recruiting prowess.

Katelyn Reese, one of his promising players, is a junior transfer from San Jose Community College. The 5'9" middle hitter brings overall talent that can cover any position, providing stability to the void left by All-Americans Tamijo Foronda and Kristina Burke. Incoming freshmen Nukeitra Hayes and Rachel Benedict, of the Indiana and Maryland Schools for the Deaf, also play into Boren's offensive set. Hayes stands at 6 feet—complementing the 6'1" Ludmila Mounty-Weinstock, who returns for her third season.

"I look at each year differently. This year we've got more quality players, albeit a smaller squad," Boren said. "I had 16 last year, 14 the year before. Now, I have 12, but I see a lot more options this year. We can change our lineup a lot and still carry the same effect. I'm looking forward to seeing these changes happen."

Chemistry is a vital component to any athletic team, and none more so than for Gallaudet. Coming off its first-ever NCAA Sweet Sixteen trip in 2006, the Bison will look to captains Shana Lehmann and Krystle Berrigan to anchor a team that has only one senior (Berrigan). Lehmann is expected to reprise her role as defensive specialist, or libero, also adding the outside hitter position to her repertoire. Berrigan has been a backup setter for the past three seasons, learning from departed All-Conference setter Pia Marie Paulone. Her co-captain slot attests to the confidence, poise, and consistency she has shown to her teammates.

The additions of Hayes and Reese will also contribute to bolstering the middle

front line, supporting Justine Jeter, Ursa Rewolinski, and Mounty-Weinstock. These five players will contribute to team blocking, which has been a thorn in Boren's side. "Last season, we didn't block as well as other teams in the nation, and I want to build on that," the veteran coach said.

Boren will continue to play maestro with his offense, hoping to use his talented cast to choreograph a winning season. Another hopeful factor is that seven of the 12 players on the roster are on the United States National Deaf Volleyball Team, which practices together in the off-season for the upcoming trip to Taiwan in 2009. These players are coming into their own not only for their country, but for Gallaudet pride as well. ■



Registrar Randy Prezioso receives a plaque recognizing his 25 years of service to the University from Dr. Catherine Andersen, interim dean of Enrollment Management, and congratulations from his fellow Enrollment Management directors and staff.

Theatre in the Sky with Bernard Bragg

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Bragg's 'Theatre in the Sky' comes to Gallaudet

Billed as the "Show of a lifetime, for people of all ages," Bernard Bragg will give one performance of *Theatre in the Sky* at Gallaudet on September 28 at 7 p.m. in Elstad Auditorium. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students with college ID. Box office hours are: September 24, 1 to 3 p.m.; September 26, 1 to 3 p.m.; and September 28, 1 to 7 p.m. For more information, contact angela.farrand@gallaudet.edu. To learn about the show's national tour, visit www.NAD.org/Bragg.